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Creature Feature...

Close Encounter with weird 'blob'

According to *The STAR* for Jan 24, 1978, a man who lives near West Point, New York claims to have had a 'close encounter of the terrifying kind', and links it to the mysterious 'skyquakes' which have occurred from Connecticut to South Carolina.

The skyquakes, which have been estimated to have the force of up to 100 tons of dynamite, have puzzled scientists, who have contradictory explanations for their origin.

Joe Guisti, however, feels that they are somehow related to two telepathic objects he met in the yard of his Lake Mohegan home. Both appeared as blobs in the darkness, but one was huge, very broad and about 10 feet tall.

When Guisti was awakened at 3:55 a.m. on Dec. 20, he went outside to investigate. Suddenly, his flashlight went out, and when he turned around, the two things were standing about six feet from him.

As he dashed for the house, there was a blue flash like that of electricity.

He says he was outside for less than a minute, but when he got into the house the bedroom clock said 4:20.

The next morning, Guisti found two sets of weird footprints, one set round and about 12 inches across, the other

like three ovals joined together, and about two feet long.

But Guisti, who does not smoke or drink, is convinced that the two objects are linked to the mysterious booms.

He woke up that night with a lot of questions in his mind which he couldn't answer, so he wrote them down. The he realized that during the 24 minute gap the night before, he might have communicated with the 'things'.

One of the questions was whether he knew the significance of Dec. 2 and Dec. 15. He didn't, but later his wife discovered that there were skyquakes on both those dates.

He also claims that the creatures communicated the information to him that they were leaving from 'a place offshore'. He didn't know what to think, and that he was going mad.

A more conventional explanation for the booms was offered by Dr. Thomas Gold, director of the Radio Physics and Space Research Center at Cornell University. He said bubbles of methane mixed with hydrogen, escaping from rifts in the seabed were rising into the atmosphere and being ignited by electricity.

(See related article elsewhere)

Government puzzled by 'skyquakes', say officials

In a report carried locally by the Attleborough Sun Chronicle and other newspapers, we were informed of a series of puzzling high-altitude explosions accompanied by bright flashes of light, off the Cape May, New Jersey coast, early in December, 1977.

Now the 'Feds' admit they're as puzzled as the rest of us.

Many Federal agencies, including NASA, Dept. of Defense and Dept. of the Interior have been asked what they have been up to, and if any of their projects could in any way account for the unknown explosions. All denied that *any of them* were involved.

The U.S. Geological Survey, as an example, admitted that they had used explosives in the past in geological testing of the continental shelf, but that this testing is now carried out by other means.

The Pentagon queried all branches of defense under its control, also, and none of these could (or would) offer an explanation, according to Pentagonian officials.

A spokesman from the office of Sen. Harrison Williams, D-N.J., said that the administration has ordered an investigation.

DUES ARE DUE!

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UFO-trivia...

By Ed Fogg

★ = Easy, ★★ = Moderate, ★★★ = Difficult, ★★★★★—You win a free balloon with a likeness of swamp gas emblazoned thereon!

★ Where was the movie of the 'Lubbock lights' photographed?

★★ Where were the offices of Project Bluebook located?

★★★ What was the name and rank of the last head of Project Bluebook?

★★★★ Where did the term 'stendec' originate?

—Judgement Question: Did George Adamski experience a valid contact with space beings?

(Answers elsewhere in this issue)

(Ed. note - As this was being prepared for the NEWSLETTER, one explanation(?) heard over the radio was that since the area off Cape May is used for deep-sea garbage disposal, perhaps the cause was due to large masses of methane, from the decomposing garbage, rising into the atmosphere and exploding - no suggestion offered as to what would trigger the actual ignition, however - this theory recalls the Ann Arbor, Michigan "swamp gas" fiasco of several years ago!)

Ancient Astronauts...

By Dave Downs

The following quote comes from an ancient history book published by American Book Company in the 1930s. I've left out one recurring word. "They also pictured the _____ as much more powerful than men and women. They _____ thought the _____ could move over great distances in no time at all, and could make themselves visible or invisible as they wished...Most of the _____ were supposed to have their homes in the heavens, though some of them were pictured as living in the sea or under the earth. It was believed that they knew what was happening in the world, and that they often visited the earth. Some of these _____ were believed to look like men and were called gods."

If you're a UFO enthusiast, I'm sure that you have heard all this before. It's all in the UFO literature. You may be surprised, however, to discover that the word I left out of the quote above was 'spirits'. This great similarity between what ancient man called spirits and modern man calls the UFO phenomena has brought forth much speculation in the past decade. Erich von Daniken and others have said that the reports of ancient men were, in reality, reports of what we 'know' to be space visitors. Is their conclusion valid?

Let's examine two other conclusions which may or may not be valid. The reports of ancient men may have no relationship whatsoever to modern UFO reports. The fact that they are similar does not demand that a relationship exists.

It is likely that man has observed this phenomena since the beginning of time. He continues to observe and attempt to explain the same phenomena. This phenomena has been interpreted differently throughout history. In light of our present technological development, some of us believe that this phenomena clearly represent visits, to our planet, by advanced civilizations. But the space visitor explanation may be a modern technological explanation for something we still don't really understand. In other words, we UFO enthusiasts may be pursuing a modern myth. Future generations may chuckle at our beliefs much as we do at the past belief that the earth was flat.

Send your dues to the Secretary, 10 Peters Ave., Marlborough, Mass. 01752, Now!

Mysterious Explosions in Space Baffle Top U.S. Scientists

(We have included this for its historical value, as the story appeared almost 4 years ago in the ENQUIRER, on June 16, 1974. Is the source of these explosions also responsible for the 'SKYQUAKES' mentioned elsewhere in this issue?)

Gigantic explosions — 27 in only four years — are baffling top American scientists. Since they could not explain them, no mention was made of them until the scientists were sure that the blasts would not affect the earth.

Physics professor Dr. Philip Morrison, of M.I.T. said that it was impossible to say for sure just how far away these blasts were occurring — they could be 10 times the distance from the earth to the moon, or could be outside our galaxy entirely. The reason for the uncertainty is due to the fact that they cannot be

seen with the naked eye, but can only be picked up by instrumentation.

The explosions were in random and different parts of space, and detected by satellites circling the earth at about 62,000 miles.

The equipment involved was designed to detect breaches of the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty of 1963.

The blasts were recorded between May, 1969 and July, 1973.

The explosions released as much energy as the sun does in several days, but in short bursts of high-powered gamma and X-rays. Radiation of these wavelengths does not penetrate the earth's atmosphere.

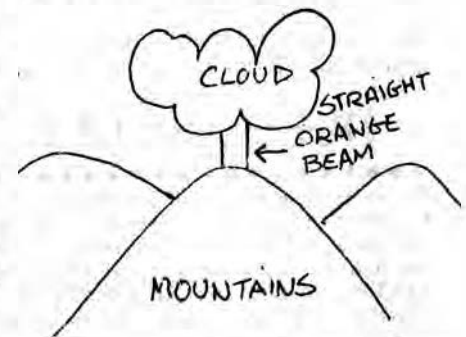
Dr. Morrison said that the blasts could affect the earth's weather, and possibly were caused by objects falling into collapsed stars, causing neutron emission, or by unusually large solar flares or sunstorms on distant stars.

(See related stories elsewhere)

Strange orange glow reported from N.H.

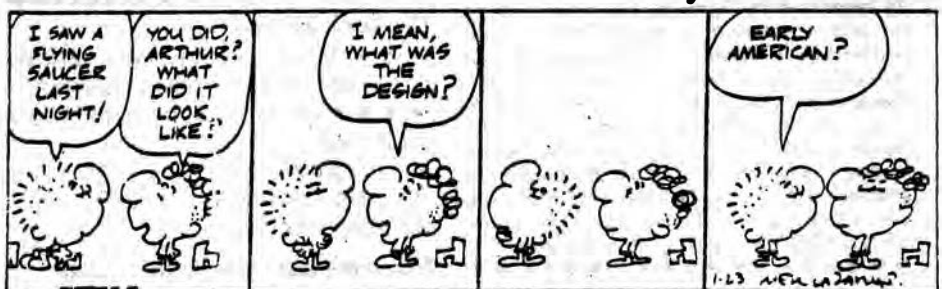
A peculiar phenomenon was reported to NEUFO investigator Ed Fogg recently, which involved two persons with whom he works. On Friday, February 24, 1978, Dyanne and her brother-in-law Bob were driving in an easterly direction on Loon Mtn. Road in Lincoln, New Hampshire, just prior to where the road becomes the Kankamaugus Highway. Dyanne was apparently the first to observe the strange sight, which she described as being a sharply defined, light orange beam of light descending vertically downward from what appeared to be a cloud over the nearby mountain range. The edges of the beam were described as being parallel, and there was no apparent glow on the bottom of the 'cloud' or the mountain top. Both wit-

nesses observed the same thing through the windshield of their vehicle, for about 1½ minutes as they stopped to take a better look. Dyanne is of the opinion that the beam was transparent, i.e. if there had been something illuminated behind it, it would have shown through. There were no observable physio or psychological effects to this 8:00p.m. observation, nor were there any E-M effects noted.



Miss Peach

By Moll Lazarus



DEDFHAM TRANSCRIPT — 1/23/87

Thoughts while shaving...

by Ed Foggy

The New England UFO Study Group was founded in 1959 by George D. Fawcett, and originally known as the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Two-State UFO Study Group for Adults.

Meetings were held alternately between the two states, and included such locations as the Seaman's Institute, in Newport, R.I., Dean Jr. College, in Franklin, Mass., Belcourt Castle, in Newport, and the Congregational Church in Manomet, Mass.

Guest speakers have included, in addition to the Group's own members, Barney and Betty Hill, August C. Roberts, Ivan T. Sanderson, Rev. Guy Cyr, S.M., and George D. Fawcett.

The early days of the Group were times of frequent radio and T.V. appearances by many of the members, especially the officers, periods of fluctuating membership according to the 'flaps' prevalent at the time, and occasional dissension among the troops.

We all had a lot of fun, though, and a nucleus of the old-time members have managed to hold the organization together and make it what it is today — a group composed of a good cross section of talents and interests, viewpoints and outlooks.

Through the years, we have weathered storms of criticism, from both the press and the public, regarding the subject of UFOs (flying saucers, if you must — actually, as Ivan Sanderson pointed out, UFO is no better, but

it's all we've got), and have managed, usually by keeping a low profile and not going off half-cocked during interviews, to maintain an acceptable public image. It is to be hoped that this will continue in the future, and that through our efforts, and that of groups like ours, that the subject will gain wider acceptance by those most in a position to contribute to a solution of this enigma — the scientists — for the answer will not come from the government, nor the military (God bless it, especially the Air Force), but people who have the training and background to make some real sense out of the whole mess. Then maybe the technicians can develop something of value from the previous group's findings.

In the meantime, we, individually and as a group, can help by serving as a filter center for good, solid reports, and identifying the questionable events as such, so that when we have the opportunity to share our information with others, we (and they) will not have our files cluttered with material of unknown validity.

We, ourselves, are in the fortunate position of having available to us the use of a computer system which will enable us to retrieve specific information from any and all reports entered into it. A sophisticated program is already in progress to achieve this result, and it is hoped that some pattern will emerge which will give a clue

Have You Renewed Your NEUFO Study Group Membership?

UFOtrivia Answers

plane was ever found.
twice, then silence. No trace of the
was **STENDEC**, which was repeated
Chile. The last communication received
minutes from landing at Santiago.
Stardust (BSAA) disappeared 4
*** — In 1947, the *Lancaster*
*** — Major Hector Quintanilla
ton, Ohio
*** — Wright Patterson AFB, Day-
* — Lubbock, Texas

to the solution of our years of investigation. Currently, we are concentrating our efforts on events occurring east of Worcester County, in Massachusetts, but will gladly accept any information from other areas, to be incorporated at a later date. All information is potentially valuable, if only to serve as possible verification of another report.

The years ahead will, most assuredly, be at least as interesting as the years gone by. We hope to see the membership increase and still maintain the same high level of competence that it has in the past. For a hobby, we have a damn good thing going for us — so let's **KEEP** it going!

The Lakeville-Taunton Sighting Report Continued

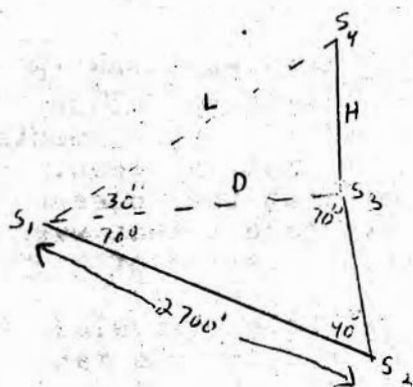
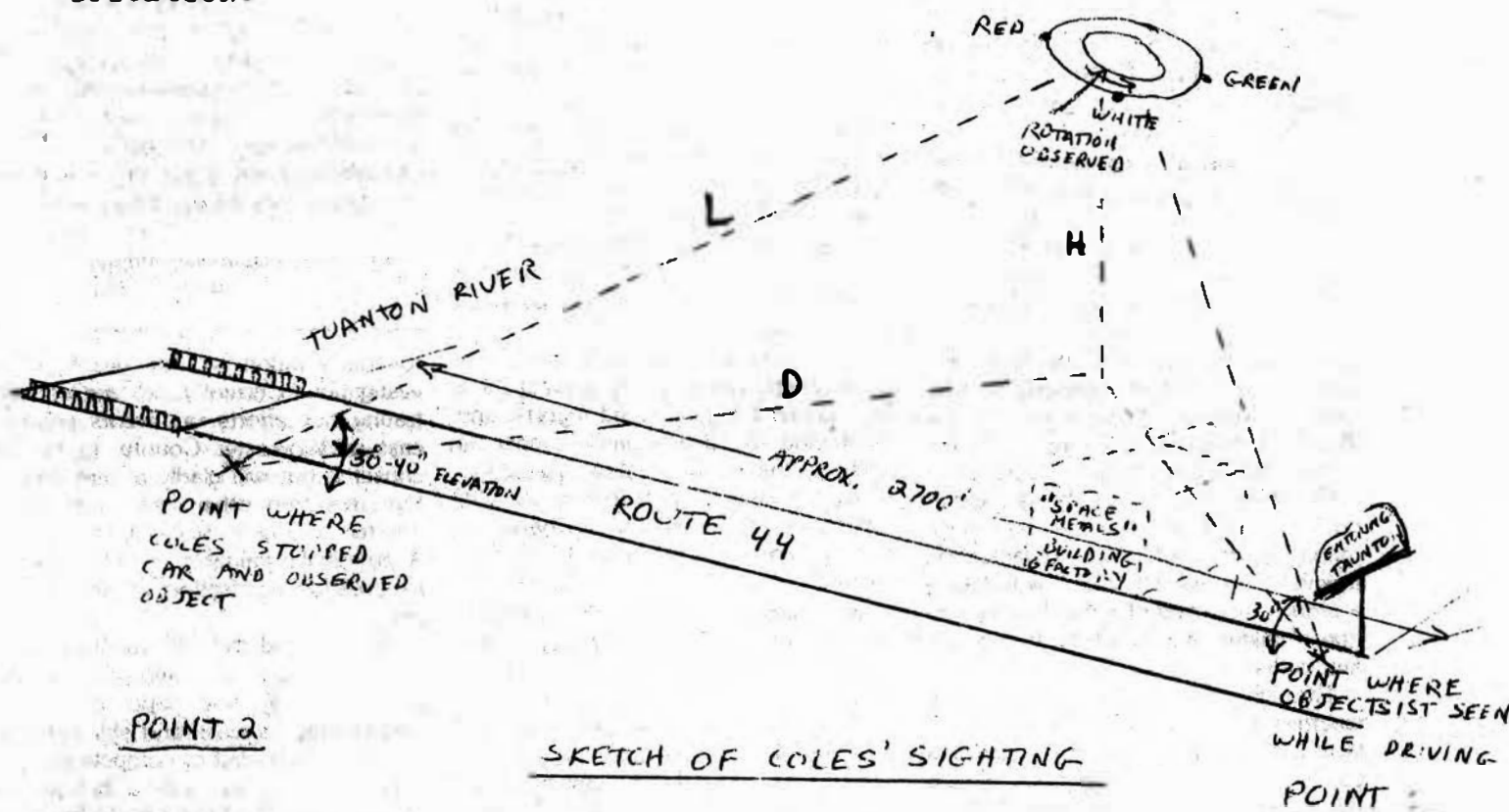
By Joe Nyman

Last month we gave a verbal description of what happened to Mr. and Mrs. Burton Cole on Dec 19, 1976. This month we follow up with a sketch and indicate how, with a few simple measurements it is possible to get additional information on what was seen. The only assumptions that were made were that the Coles' estimates were relatively accurate and that the object that was observed the longest moved very little during the period of observation.

Briefly then, by measuring the distance the Coles traveled between their first and second observations on an accurate map one is able to get a figure for the base of a solid triangle, in this case about 2700 feet, (this and all subsequent numbers refer to accompanying sketch). Then at observation points 1 and 2 we were able to approximate angles of elevation and angles to the left and right of perpendiculars to the base line. With these data it was possible to roughly calculate the distance and height of the object.

The calculations indicate an object about 89 feet in diameter, at a distance along the ground of 1846 feet hovering at an altitude of about 1066 feet.

A close look at a map of this sighting does call into question what was seen because approximately one mile away in direct line with what was seen lies the Middleboro airport which is equipped for night flying. Only a slight revision in the estimates made of elevation in this case would easily put the object over the airport and make the evaluation of this as an unknown strongly questionable. The author at this point believes the estimates made in this case to be accurate but would not rule out the possibility of a misidentification.



$$D = S_1 S_3 = 2700 \frac{\sin(S_1)}{\sin(S_3)} = 1846'$$

$$H = D \tan 30^\circ = 1066'$$

$$L = D \text{ पर } 30^\circ = 2132'$$

ESTIMATE OF SIZE OF OBJECT (O)

A. COULD BE COVERED BY A COIN
APPROXIMATELY 1" IN DIAMETER ($\frac{1}{32}$)'

B. ARM'S LENGTH ESTIMATED AS 2'

$$\frac{\left(\frac{1}{12}\right)}{0} = \frac{2}{1}$$

$$O = \frac{L}{24} = \frac{2132}{24} \approx 89'$$

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Dear Members and Friends,

The New England UFO Study Group will hold its next meeting on Sunday, July 23, 1978 at Ed and Kyra Fogg's home, 15 Community Way, Foxboro, Mass. (phone - 543-6890) Plan to arrive at 2 p.m. and bring your own picnic supper, grill and lawn chairs.

The program will be held as an open officers' meeting where everyone will be able to present their ideas of what they expect from the group, how they may help the group, names of speakers, sighting reports, book reports and any suggestions to assist the officers in planning the coming year.

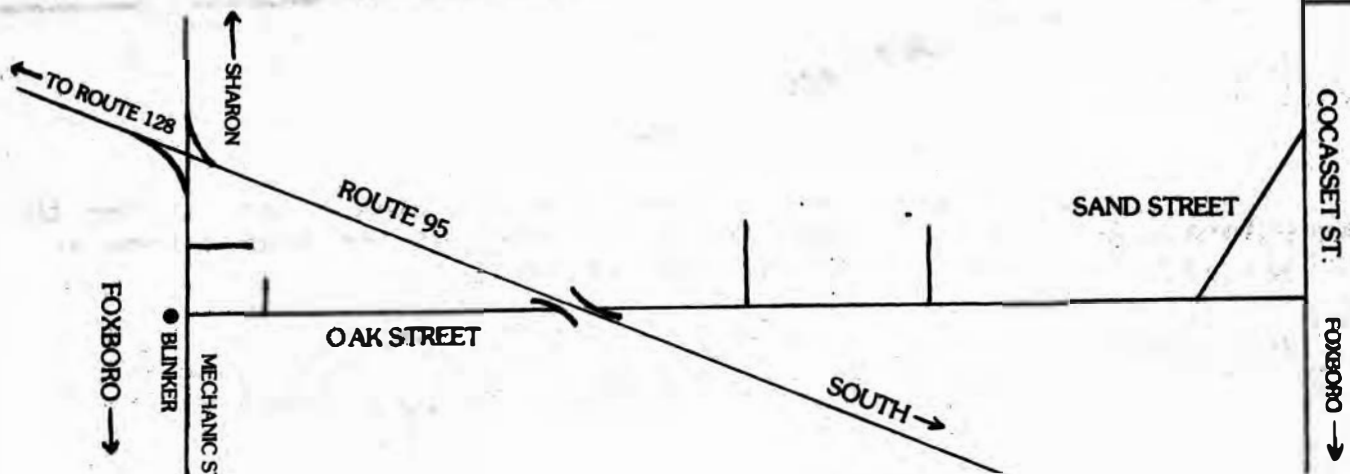
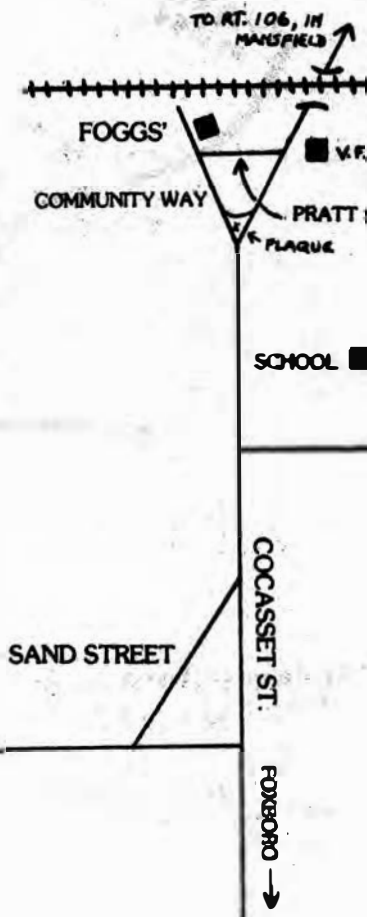
Our expenses are rising and it is necessary to raise the dues to \$6 per person and \$8 for husband and wife for new members and effective April '79 for old members. Members who have not renewed as yet may send \$4 per person or \$6 for husband and wife to the secretary/treasurer or bring it to the meeting. After the July meeting unpaid members are dropped from the mailing list. At the April meeting, the general membership decided this was the best way to keep printing the club's newsletter. A "passing of the hat" resulted in \$29.01. A special thank you to our loyal members.

We wish our new officers a successful year and to Dave Downs, past president, our gratitude of a job well done. Dave initiated our newsletter which is sent to many countries.

Please read other side for family outing notice at Stella Lansing's.

DIRECTIONS TO THE FOGGS' HOUSE

From Route 128 in Canton, take Route 95 South towards Rhode Island. Follow Route 95 about 10 miles until you come to the Mechanic Street exit (Foxboro/Sharon). At end of exit ramp, turn right towards Foxboro. Take second left, at yellow blinker (Oak St.). Follow Oak Street 1.9 miles to fourth left (Sand St.), and follow Sand Street to end. Turn left and you will be on Cocasset St. Go about ¼ mile, to small, grassed triangle with memorial plaque. Bear left and you will be on our street (Community Way). We are the last house on the right. If you happen to miss the triangle and go under the railroad bridge, turn around, come back under bridge and take first right, (Pratt St.), across from V.F.W. Post. Go to end and we are the white house on the r/h corner. (Alternate Route — go over the river, and through the woods...!!)

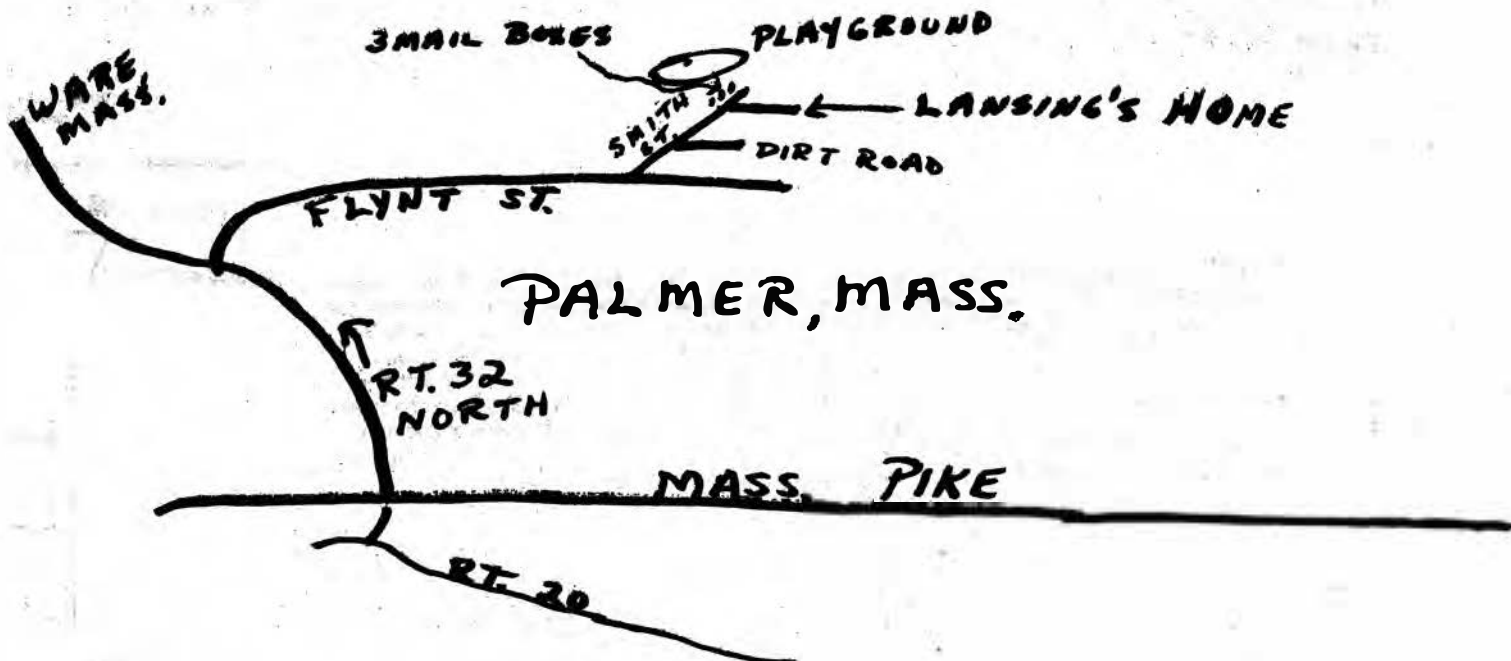


FAMILY OUTING - Sat., August 19, 1978

Stella Lansing has invited members and their family to her home in Palmer, Ma. for a picnic to be held Sat., Aug. 19, 1978 starting at noon. (Rain date is Sun., Aug. 20.) Bring your picnic lunch and supper, lawn chairs, bathing suits and fishing gear as she lives on Lake Thompson. There is a new playground across the street for the children. A field trip may be planned after dark. Come whenever you can and stay as long as you want. If the weather is uncertain, call Stella 1-413-283-5394 or one of the officers.

DIRECTIONS AND MAP TO STELLA LANSING'S HOUSE

You may take Rt. 20 west to Palmer and follow signs to Rt. 32 North towards Ware. or
West on Mass. Pike, get off at Exit 8 and turn left onto Rt. 32 North (direction towards Ware, Ma.).
Go pass rug mill, after rug mill slow down because of sharp left hand curve, put blinker on immediately for right hand turn onto Flynt St. The first left off of Flynt St. is Smith St. Take Smith St. and the 2nd dirt road on the right is Stella's.



This will be the only notice sent to you so please save it for the directions. See you on July 23 (rain or shine) at the Fogg's home and on Sat., Aug. 19 (rain date - Aug. 20) at Stella's.

Saucerly yours,

Andy, Joe, Sylvia and Ed